

St. Francis Xavier (College) Church
The Jesuit Parish in the Heart of St. Louis
3628 Lindell Blvd, St. Louis, MO 63108
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sfxstl.org

October 30, 2022 Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday: 5:15 pm, Sunday: 8:00 am, 10:30 am.

Online Masses will be posted on our YouTube channel. Subscribe here: tinyurl.com/collegechurchmass

Weekday Masses: 7:15 am and noon Monday through Friday, all in main church. (7:15 am Mass only on national holidays.)

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Mondays through Fridays, 10:45 am through noon.

MISSION STATEMENT

We, the members of St. Francis Xavier College Church, form a welcoming Jesuit parish community. As followers of Jesus Christ, we praise God, love our neighbors as ourselves, celebrate liturgy and the sacraments, engage in lifelong formation and proclaim God's reign of justice, mercy and peace.

PARISH INFORMATION

E-MAIL ADDRESS: church@sfxstl.org

The Parish Center is closed if St. Louis City Schools are closed due to bad weather. Activities and events are also cancelled.

Hours: Monday - Friday 8:30 am to 4:30 pm, Saturday we are closed & Sunday: 8:30 am to 1:00 pm.

<u>Bulletin Notices:</u> must be submitted to <u>church@sfxstl.org</u> by noon on Thursday, ten days before the bulletin date. Holidays require additional time.

<u>Infant Baptisms:</u> Visit the Baptism page on the SFX website, www.sfxstl.org/baptism-I, for information on infant baptisms and required preparation class. Baptisms are celebrated on the first and third Sunday of the month, at 12 pm. Contact frtim@sfxstl.org with questions.

Christian Initiation of Adults: contact Joe Milner at 314-977-7305 or joseph.milner@slu.edu

Marriages: contact Sandy Hauck at 314-977-7303 for scheduling and preparation information.

Funerals: contact Fr. Tim McMahon at frtim@sfxstl.org or 314-977-7300.

Disability Access: Our church has an elevator and hearing assistance system. Please see an usher for assistance.

<u>Parish Registration</u>: Available online at sfxstl.org/parishioner-registration or at the Parish Center front desk. For questions email church@sfxstl.org.

Youth Faith Formation: Catechesis of Good Shepherd classes are available for preschool through 6th grade level students. Traditional religious education classes are available for grades 1 through 8. Classes meet September - May on Sunday mornings. Contact Terry Edelmann at terry@sfxstl.org or Julie Kilian at julie@sfxstl.org for more information.

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To reach the Pastoral Council, email sfxpc@sfxstl.org.

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PRAY FOR THE SICK

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Or visit sfxstl.org, and find the form under "Parish Life."

Join our prayer group on Zoom,

Friday mornings at 9: Contact Bridget Brennan at joy@canainstitute.org for info.

Reflection from Our Parish Life Coordinator

By Katie Jansen



Over the past couple of years we've heard from church leaders and expressed for ourselves a desire to include young people more fully in the life of the Church. Pope Francis held a Synod on Young People in 2018. One of the Jesuit Apostolic Preferences is to accompany youth in a hope filled future. At College Church we have been on a journey to have youth of varying ages engaged more fully in the life of the parish. As part of that journey, this Sunday, October 30th our parish is trying something new.

As part of our Youth Faith program, we used to hold class masses in the chapel. Each class celebrated their own mass once a year. Students in the class would lector, acolyte, bring up the gifts, help prepare the petitions and choose the songs. This was a nice opportunity for our youth to engage more fully in liturgy. It was ok if they were brand new to their role or if they made a mistake. The only problem was that they did it separately from the rest of the parish.

This year, we will begin having periodic family masses in the church at 10:30. By that, I mean that families - and especially our youth - will be invited to take on liturgical roles like ushering, lectoring, bringing up the gifts, and even leading our music. We will create space for our younger members to offer the gifts that they are developing. Some will be working side-by-side with our more experienced ministers.

So our liturgy may feel a little different at this Sunday's 10:30 am Mass; I hope it does. We may hear some new voices, recognize some new gifts and maybe sense a new way that the Holy Spirit is moving within our community.

PRAY FOR THE DECEASED

With the hope of the Resurrection, we ask that you remember in your prayers:

Mary Ann Robinett (sister of Margery Al-Abodi)

May she and all the departed share in the peace and joy of God's presence forever.



Stewardship Efforts at College Church

A real gift of being part of St. Francis Xavier College Church is the fact that so many parishioners are actively involved: in ministries, in giving, and being welcoming to those who join us for Mass. This time of year, we take some time to give thanks for all of our gifts, as well as to plan for the future.

Our brunch honoring Fr. Dan's ten years as pastor, "A **Decade of Dan**," is a parish fundraiser, because Fr. Dan's parting gift to our parish community was wanting to make sure our ministries were well supported. Your donations (and ticket purchases!) help us finish 2022 strong, ensuring that every ministry will have the financial support that makes them possible. Please visit https://decadeofdan.givesmart.com/ to learn more.

And this week you will receive a brochure introducing our **Journeying Together in the Spirit Program**. This is a way to keep our ministries strong on an ongoing basis. On Commitment Weekend, November 5 & 6, I invite each of you to participate in this important program and help us respond to God's great gift of love. I ask that you please review this brochure and prayerfully consider how you and your family can help St. Francis Xavier College Church by financially supporting our ministries, furthering our mission, and reinforcing our future.

We ask that all parishioners complete a Commitment Card. A card will be included in the brochure mailing for you to:

mail to the church using the pre-addressed envelope included in this mailing.

or bring your card to Mass next Sunday.

or you may visit our parish website at www.sfxstl.org and complete an electronic Commitment Card.

The back of the Commitment Card has a place for you to include any prayer intentions you wish to share. We welcome all intentions and they will be prayed for collectively over the next few weeks. If you would like to speak to a priest, please indicate so on your card and we will be in contact with you.

Our goal is 100% participation! Thank you for your generosity and support of St. Francis Xavier College Church!

World Mission Appeal

Pope Francis has invited all the church to enter into solidarity with the poor and struggling of the world. "Mission is part of the 'grammar' of faith, something essential for those who listen to the voice of the Spirit who whispers 'Come' and 'Go forth.' Those who follow Christ cannot fail to be missionaries…" ~ Pope Francis

Our attention is drawn to the people in the 1150 missionary dioceses of the world. In these areas there are 1,200 schools, 9,000 clinics, and 10,000 orphanages that offer services to those in need. A collection will be taken up for them and envelopes are in the pews. We are each asked to be on Mission with the areas that have new churches developing. While most of us are not able to go to a distant place to help build communities of faith, we can support those who do go with our prayers and sacrificial gifts. Consider giving up some time, some activity or some expenditure to reflect upon the needs of our sisters and brothers who live in the missionary lands or who have gone there to serve and make a gift to support their efforts. Thanks for your generous support of those serving the poorest of the world.



Retirement Fund for Religious

Each November, we are invited to help support those women and men religious whose ministry has nourished our own faith, served our church, and strengthened our nation. Of 517 communities providing data, only 36 are adequately funded for retirement. Historically, Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests received very little pay. Any surplus funds were reinvested in ministry and the education of younger members. As a result, hundreds of US religious communities lack adequate retirement savings. Like many Americans, religious communities face the monumental challenge of funding eldercare. Currently, the average annual cost of care for women and men religious past age 70 is

nearly \$51,000 per person. Skilled care is roughly \$78,000. The total cost of care for senior religious in the United States has exceeded \$1 billion annually for over a decade. Your donation will assist numerous religious communities in meeting the day-to-day needs and healthcare of their aging members and their health care expenses. Your gift makes a difference! Mark your checks for "Retired Religious" or use one of the envelopes at the doorways and place them in the regular collection on either of the next two Sundays. Please Give Generously!

Commemoration of the Faithful Departed

Each year, the church remembers all who have died and gone before us during the month of November. While there is a book to remember the departed at the shrine of St. Joseph throughout the year, it has been moved to near the baptismal font this weekend, to make it more prominent and easier to inscribe the names of your loved ones as you enter or depart from the church. You are invited to write the names of any of your family and friends who have died, particularly those who have died during the past year. During November, the book will be brought forward and placed near the altar. The names of those listed in the book will be remembered in our prayers at the weekend liturgies. Please take a moment to inscribe these names today in our parish book of remembrance.



Antiracism at College Church

At College Church, antiracism is an expression of our recognition that all are created in the image of God. As such, we respond—personally and collectively— to the call to identify, and to actively challenge, structures and systems that devalue people on the basis of race, and to practice restoration in the pursuit of justice.

Black History Matters

By Sue Nauert

The celebration of All Souls and All Saints Day recalls how thin is the veil between the living and the dead. These holy days remind us anew to commemorate and honor our departed loved ones. They may have passed this physical world, but they remain with us in our thoughts, values, the very essence of who we are. The presence of some tangible marker—a gravestone, a burial site or mausoleum—also serves to remind us of those to whom we owe so much. But, for many African American families, no such tangible marker exists. Indeed, even written records of a life lived are hard to find. Whole generations of people who lived, loved, walked through this world, and contributed to society are forever lost. Such is just another insidious result of persistent racism.

It was not until the 1950s that the practice of segregated cemeteries stopped. Historically, black cemeteries have been the target of racist vandalism, persistent neglect, and even total abandonment. The souls buried in many of these cemeteries were often the descendants of slaves, lived hard lives of racial injustice, and had few resources to pay for proper gravesite/markers. The records normally recording a life lived—birth/marriage/death certificates, family lineage and history—are very often hard to find or nonexistent. The absence of this recognition, just these minimum recorded life markers, adds insult to the already profound moral injury of slavery, Jim Crow laws, and continued systemic racism.

A prominent example in the St Louis area, indeed in this very neighborhood, is the Vashon family. The Vashons were distinguished teachers, administrators, and community organizers for African Americans in St. Louis. Although a St. Louis public high school is named after John Vashon, the place (the Father Dickson cemetery in Crestwood, named after abolitionist Moses Dickson) where the family is buried has no marker, no recognition of their existence. Volunteers at the cemetery have worked for more than three decades to maintain it—at one point, restoring it after a late-night party left the cemetery strewn with trash and overgrown weeds. Even as these volunteers grow older and their physical capabilities limited, their will remains strong to get the cemetery and its inhabitants the recognition they deserve for posterity. One of their final hopes is that the Vashon family receive a proper grave marker. The executive

director of the George B. Vashon Museum of African American History, on St. Louis Avenue, has pledged to help with some funds. But much is needed, and time grows short. The stories enshrined in these "forgotten" cemeteries, these "forgotten" lives, are stories of hard work, dedication to country, love of family, business success, leadership, community involvement, and advancement of education. They have contributed to enriching not only African American heritage but also the American culture. Just as Black Lives Matter, Black History Matters as well!

Look for these web sites to learn more about the Vashon family georgevashonmuseum.org/ and Father Dickson's Cemetery nps.gov/places/father-dickson-cemetery.htm.

The International Institute of St. Louis: Diversity, Prosperity, and Inclusion



In 2021, the world saw eighty-five million people uprooted from their home countries — globally, a record number of refugees. In addition, our nation continues to face anti-immigrant rhetoric, political extremism, misinformation, and

divisiveness. No one needs to be reminded that social media and xenophobic leaders propagate an anti-immigrant hostility that only furthers this crisis.

The International Institute is the St. Louis region's leading immigrant service provider and information hub. Since its founding, the Institute has been providing immigrants and refugees with opportunities to thrive. Located on Arsenal Street in South St. Louis city, the International Institute was initially part of the Young Women's Christian Association (YWCA). In 1923, the Institute separated from the mother organization and has spent the last one hundred years promoting diversity, prosperity, and inclusion. The organization aspires to make St. Louis a region that provides equitable opportunities for everyone to achieve their greatest potential and contribute to the development of a vibrant community. It has built a robust foundation of programs for resettlement, social services, education, language access, career development, and community engagement.

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This summer the International Institute revived its Festival of Nations in Tower Grove Park, the largest multicultural event in the region. A weekend of food, dance, music, and artisan demonstration helped to bridge the divide between native-born and immigrant communities.

With limited resources, the International Institute is looking for volunteers (individuals and groups) and donations. Volunteers can co-host monthly on-site client lunches; tutor both high school students and adult learners; and/or function as a teacher's assistant with the adult clients. The Institute maintains Target and Wal-Mart wish lists identifying home goods and furnishings, cleaning supplies, diapers, etc. for the newly arrived clients. Other donations could include gas cards, Schnuck's gift cards, and unrestricted financial contributions.

For the World Day of Migrants and Refugees, Pope Francis wrote:

"God's plan is essentially inclusive and gives priority to those living on the existential peripheries. Among them are many migrants and refugees, displaced persons, and victims of trafficking. The Kingdom of God is to be built with them, for without them, it would not be the Kingdom that God wants."

The International Institute of St. Louis 3401 Arsenal Street St. Louis 63118 314-773-9090

A Resource for Social Justice

As part of their work to promote social justice in their parish and in the region, the St. Cletus Peace and Justice Ministry publishes a quarterly electronic newsletter called The Channel. It not only covers the activities of their parish ministry, but it includes articles and viewpoints that speak to social justice issues of our time. You can read the current issue of The Channel at tinyurl.com/bdz8fd83 It is a useful resource to connect with others in the Catholic community who are engaged in the work of justice.

Welcome to New SFX Staff

We want to give an official welcome to our new Communications Assistant, Brian Guerin, our new Accountant, Mike Sepe, our new Youth Faith Coordinator, Jennifer Quick, and our new Liturgy Coordinator, Mary Seise!

They will bring tremendous gifts to our College Church community. Terry Edelmann, who has been co-leading Youth Faith with Julie Kilian, will continue to be with us but with limited hours, and Kathie Anderson, who has been our accountant, will continue to be a front desk volunteer, so they will stay connected.

Early Calendar Note: Parish Men's White House Retreat, February 9-12, 2023.

Registration and details will be in the bulletin closer to the retreat dates, but if you think you might be interested in participating, please put the dates on your calendar. More information (including COVID precautions) and registration is available at www.whretreat.org or by calling John Hartung (314-326-6018), Bill Morrison (314-991-8599) or David Schnelt (314-791-0227).

Xavier Winter Inn—Volunteers Needed!

Every winter, College Church hosts a Winter Inn, offering emergency shelter to unhoused individuals on Wednesday and Thursday nights from Dec.-Feb. The Winter Inn is run entirely by volunteers and provides hospitality on nights when temperatures drop below 20 degrees. We have hosted Winter Inn for nearly a decade and this will be our second year during the pandemic offering shelter in a COVID-safe environment for both volunteers and guests.

New and Returning Volunteers: Volunteer positions include Setup, Greeters/ Hosts, Innkeepers, Cleaners, Dinner Cooks and Laundry Drivers. Volunteers must register to attend a virtual training scheduled for Monday, November 14th from 7:00-8:30pm.

Register for the 11/14 volunteer training: http://bit.ly/winterinn2022

If the training date does not work for you, you can still volunteer! Please contact Jasmine Brown at outreach@sfxstl.org or (314) 977-7311.

Volunteers ages 13+ are welcome. Those under the age of 18 are required to be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

Winter Inn relies on volunteer support each year. Thank you for considering plugging into this initiative!

Thanksgiving Food Drive: Donations Needed

Please support our Thanksgiving food drive – benefiting St. Augustine Wellston Center – by bringing non-perishable Thanksgiving items, in cans or boxes, to Church on Sunday, November 6. Bins will be in the back of the church to drop off your donations.

Shopping/donation suggestions:

- ..Boxed stuffing mix
- ..Instant mashed potatoes in boxes or packets
- ...Cans of gravy or dried gravy mix packets
- .. Macaroni and cheese
- ...Canned yams
- ...Canned cranberry sauce
- ...Canned veggies (green beans, corn, peas)
- ...Cornbread mix
- ...Canned pumpkin or fruit pie filling
- ..Pie crust mix

Faithful Citizenship: Your Vote Matters

With a new voting law in effect, House Bill 1878, the newly formed SFX Advocacy Committee wants to ensure that College Church parishioners and our wider community can access the ballot this November and beyond. Visit sfxstl.org/advocacy or see a Voting Access Ambassador after Masses to learn more.

One of the most harmful aspects of HB1878 is the new requirement to produce a nonexpired photo ID in order to vote, which will greatly impact many Missourians who cannot readily obtain a State ID. These are the people that come to our parish's weekly Outreach Program for help with birth certificates and Missouri State IDs. Leading up to the November election, we will share reflections from volunteers connected to our ID and Birth Certificate Program. Rebecca Cunningham, a current SLU medical student and former program volunteer, shared this:



Over the years as a parishioner at College Church, I have participated in various committees regarding voting rights and, in speaking with Missourians, have been struck by questions and statements such as "Isn't it easy to get an ID? If I can do it, anyone can do it." For many of us in this parish, obtaining a nonexpired photo ID may seem like a minute task. However, multiple barriers exist that make obtaining a photo ID a challenge for many of our community members. While I had heard these challenges enumerated over the years, such as cost or lost documents due to dangerous social situations, I did not fully grasp the frustration of such challenges until I had the opportunity to serve as a volunteer at the SFX Outreach Program in 2020. In the midst of the pandemic, many guests would venture to the College Church ballroom for help obtaining IDs and birth certificates, a program which serves only a small percentage of the population in Missouri. I frequently heard from guests that they needed an ID or birth certificate for work or social services and shared in their frustration when more barriers would appear that would prevent them from quickly obtaining a photo ID. Now,

Missouri House Bill 1878 requires a non-expired photo ID to vote, which will limit the voting eligibility of many Missourians. As Catholics, we are called to care for the vulnerable; therefore, we must be aware and advocate for those who are adversely impacted by this bill, such as those who attend our Outreach program.

Contact Christine Dragonette at christine@sfxstl.org if you are interested in becoming a Voting Access Ambassador or joining the Advocacy Committee, which meets every first Wednesday of the month from 5-6:30pm.

The SFX Advocacy Committee believes advocacy means:

To stand with and for another person by listening and observing in order to give witness.

To amplify voices that are often silenced.

To affect systemic change through policies and structures that uphold the dignity of all members of our community.

All Saints, All Souls, and Our Mass of Remembrance

Tuesday, November 1, is the Feast of All Saints and a Holyday. Our Eucharistic Liturgies will be: 7:15 am, Noon, and 5:15 pm. Come join us in giving thanks for all of God's gifts to the saints and for the example that they offer us.

Wednesday, November 2, is the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls). Mass will be at 7:15 am, and the Noon Mass will be St. Louis University's Memorial Mass.

Sunday, November 6 at 10:30 am we will have our parish Mass of Remembrance for those who have died in this past year.

You are invited to bring a small, framed photo of your loved one or a small memento to be placed in a shrine in the church for the month of November as a remembrance for the whole parish. Please do not leave anything that is irreplaceable. A photocopy of the photo or memento could be used. The items may be retrieved at the end of November.

Circle of Creation Green Corner

Even in November and December, the Open Space Council offers opportunities for service such as honeysuckle removal, tree planting, and willow staking.



Do your investments really make a difference? For the Earth? For Human Rights? Corporate Lobbying Expenses? Recent studies on Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) issues are showing definite impacts on corporations, their bottom line and investor bottom line. Franciscans For the Earth (FFE) are sponsoring a Zoom presentation by Sr. Barbara Jennings, CSJ on Nov. 5 at 6:30PM on Environmental, Social and Governance Issues.

Visit https://franciscansisters-olph.org/events/ffe-nov2022-zoom/ to register.

Virtual Program from St. Louis County Library (free, of course): "Earth's Climate—Facts, Myths, Opportunities" presented by Earthways Center of MO Botanical Garden.

Nov. 2, 10:00 – 11:00 AM.

To register, visit: https://slcl.evanced.info/signup/EventDetails? EventId=305682.

Public Electronics Recycling events

sponsored by Midwest Recycling Center (MRC) <u>mrc-recycling.squarespace.com/electronics-recycling-events</u>

Nov. 19 from 8:00 AM to 11:00 AM 359 Old Meramec Station Road Manchester, MO 63021 hosted by **City of Manchester**

Visit the College Church Circle of Creation

Committee's Green Corner on the Parish website to keep up to date on all of our resources related to caring for creation: https://sfxstl.org/circleofcreation

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This Sunday's Scripture Readings:

First Reading:

Wisdom 11:22-12:2

Responsorial Psalm:

Psalm 145:1-2,8-9,10-11,13,14

Second Reading:

2 Thessalonians 1:11-2:2

Gospel:

Luke 19:1-10

Bulletin Articles

Email bulletin articles to Angela Pancella at angela@sfxstl.org before Thursday at noon 10 days before the bulletin date.

Online Giving Reminder

Many of our parishioners have begun to contribute to College Church through our online link, which can be found at the top of



our website, sfxstl.org. You can also reach this link through the QR code here.

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